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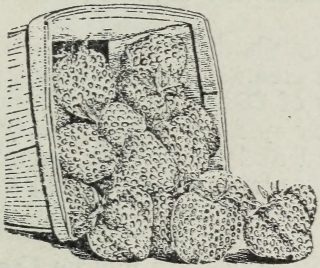
Perdue's Best Quality

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

1925



GROWN AT

PERDUE'S STRAWBERRY PLANT FARM

C. S. PERDUE, Proprietor

SHOWELL, - MARYLAND

1925 Notice to Customers 1925

I have millions of "Best Quality Strawberry Plants."

My plants are grown on soil especially adapted for growing plants and are grown under the best methods of cultivation.

My plants are large, young heavy-rooted plants that will produce fine crops of strawberries.

My plants are true to name, well cleaned up and tied in bundles of 25 plants each.

My plants are properly labeled and packed for shipment.

My plants are fresh dug at the time of shipment, and all orders are sent out promptly.

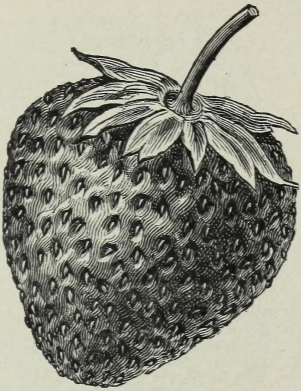
My prices are low on the varieties I am growing and have listed in this catalog.

I have the organization and stock to take care of all orders May I have your order for strawberry plants

Very respectfully,

C. S. PERDUE.

Telephone: Berlin, Md., 51-F3.



IMPROVED HEFLIN (Extra Early) This variety is extensively cultivated in Accomac County, Va., and has made a wonderful record there. A good plant maker of vigorous, healthy looking plants. Very productive of large fine looking berries.

Monmouth Co., N. J., April 4, 1924.
Dear Sir:—

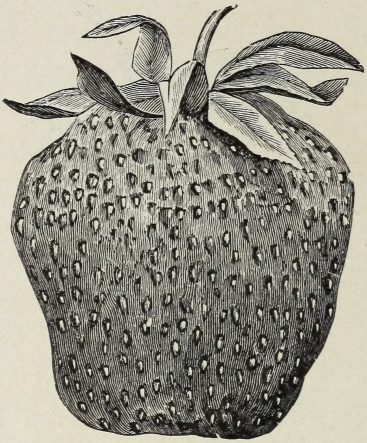
Your shipment of strawberry plants arrived in fine shape, and are excellent plants. I have been buying plants from your vicinity but will forward future orders to you.

F. E. House.

Columbia Co., Pa., April 14, 1924.
Dear Sir:—

Strawberry plants came in fine shape, with good roots.

Clark Yost.

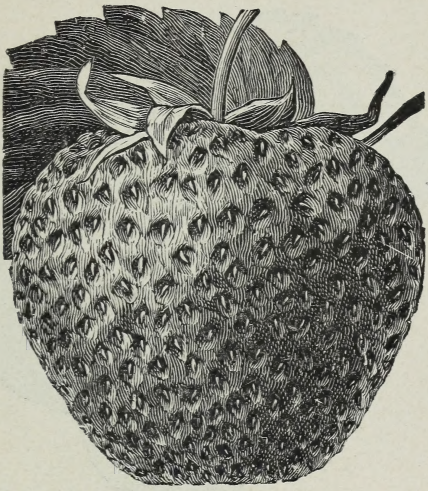


SAMPLE. Imp. (Mid-season). It is an imperfect flower and will have to be fertilized with planting 4 rows of Sample and 2 rows of Parsons Beauty or Senator Dunlap through the patch. Plants are very large and healthy looking. Vigorous growers producing a very large crop of large size bright red berries of excellent flavor. Good for local market, but too soft to stand shipping long distance.

Luzerne Co., Pa., January 21, 1924.
Dear Sir:—

Find enclosed order for plants. The plants I received from you last year came through in fine shape in spite of the dry weather. Please send me your catalog next year.

C. W. Gregory.



BIG JOE (Joe Johnson.) (Mid-season to late). A vigorous grower of very large plants that are very productive of large size handsome looking berries with a large bright green cap. A real fancy berry that brings fancy prices. Note the following testimonial.

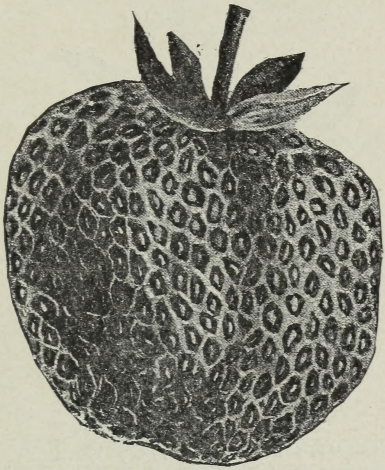
Shenandoah Co., Va., April 1, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

I am sending you an order for strawberry plants. I made at the rate of $1400 per acre from the Big Joe plants I got of you two years ago.

Effie Hepner.

PROGRESSIVE. (Fall Bearing). Leads them all because of its remarkable yielding qualities, and is the most popular of all the Everbearing varieties. Produces a large crop of medium size dark red berries that are simply delicious. A few should be planted in the home garden each spring as they do best the first year. The method of cultivation is the same as other varieties except the blossoms should be picked off the plants until the first of July, when they will continue to bear until freezing weather.



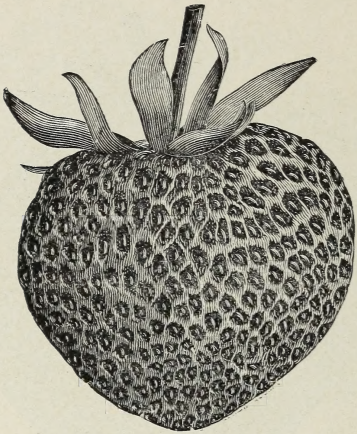
PARSONS BEAUTY. (Mid-season). A vigorous grower of large healthy, plants that are very productive. Berries large, beautiful dark red in color and of an excellent flavor. Very good for home garden or local market. They part easily from the cap, making them very fine for canning and preserving.

Lebanon Co., Pa., April 28, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

Am well pleased with my plants. They are the largest plants I ever bought.

Henry H. Spitler.



KLONDYKE (Early). One of the best shipping varieties that is firm enough to stand shipping long distances and go on the market in perfect condition. The berries are a fair size, bright red color. The plants are healthy and vigorous growers.

Mercer Co., N. J., April 26, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

The plants arrived in fine condition. I am pleased with them. They are fine plants. Thanks for the promptness.

Leo Drake.

North'l'd Co., Pa., May 5, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

I received your plants in very fine condition. They are growing nice. I am pleased with them.

Fred Budcofskie.

GANDY. (Late to very late). It is a leader among the fancy shipping berries. The latest and best variety for growers who require a large size berry, bright red in color and good flavor with a very large bright green cap. The berries always bring highest market prices. A good plant maker of large size healthy plants. For profit, plant Gandy.

Charles Co., Md. April 10, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

Plants received in fine condition and are fine plants. When I need more will send my order to you.

J. R. Bryan.

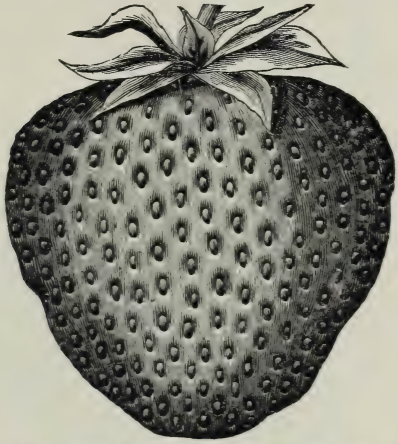
LUPTON. (Late). Very profitable as a market berry for growers who want large fancy berries that have good shipping qualities. Berries are large size and very attractive. Plants are vigorous growers and do best on good rich land. It is a real money maker.

Balto. Co., Md., April 16, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

I have bought your strawberry plants for several years and can give them the highest praise for coming promptly and in perfect condition.

H. C. Hagenrater.



CAMPBELL'S EARLY. (Extra Early) A vigorous grower of very large size plants tnat produces a heavy crop of very large size berries bright red color of excellent quality. A fairly good shipper.

Northampton Co., Pa., April 26, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

Your plants arrived in fine shape. I wish to thank you for the care and the manner they were packed. I am well pleased. Accept my thanks for the many extras. I don't think the plants can be equalled anywhere.

Robert R. Thomas.

Franklin Co., Pa., April 2, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

Plants arrived in fine shape. They nave such a wonderful root system. My neighbor is sending you an order to-day.

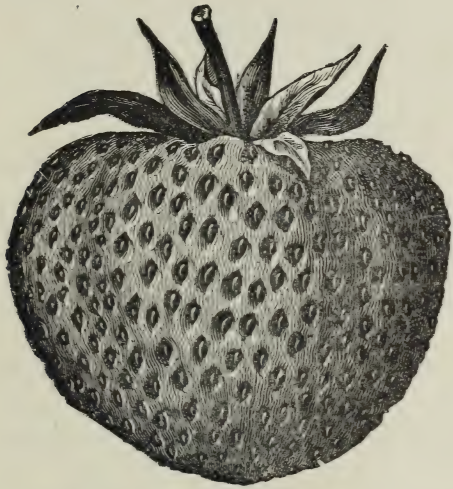
Jacob Mentzer.

SEN. DUNLAP. (Early). The plants have long fibrous roots, are rather small, but do well on most all types of soil. A favorite variety with some strawberry growers. The berries are fair size, excellent flavor, dark red color. Very good quality.

Atlantic Co., N. J., March 18, 1924.
Dear Sir:—

I received your strawberry plants and according to size and shape they were the best plants I ever bought. I have bought a good many in my time.

George T. Mott.



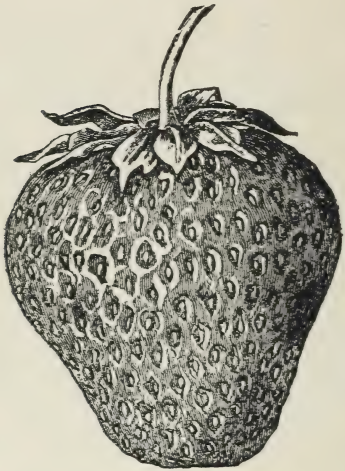
NICK OHMER (Mid-season). For fancy berries plant Nick Ohmer. It bears a good crop of very large handsome looking berries, bright red color, excellent flavor, with a large green cap that sells for fancy prices. It makes enough plants for a good fruiting bed.

Essex Co., Mass., April 27, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

The strawberry plants arrived in fine condition. They are as good as can be grown. I am well pleased with them.

John E. Fuller.



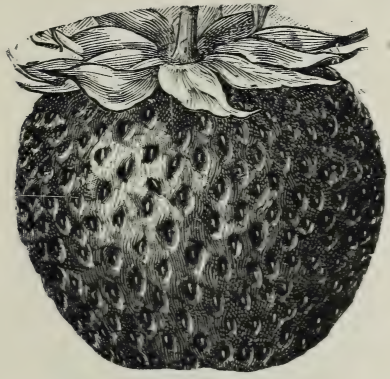
MISSIONARY. (Early). A standard early market berry for shipping long distances. The berries are very firm, medium to large in size, bright red color with green caps, and always bring good prices. This variety will do well on almost any kind of soil, a good plant maker of fair size, healthy plants.

Dauphin Co., Pa., April 28, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

I received plants in perfect condition. They have wonderful roots and are the finest I ever saw.

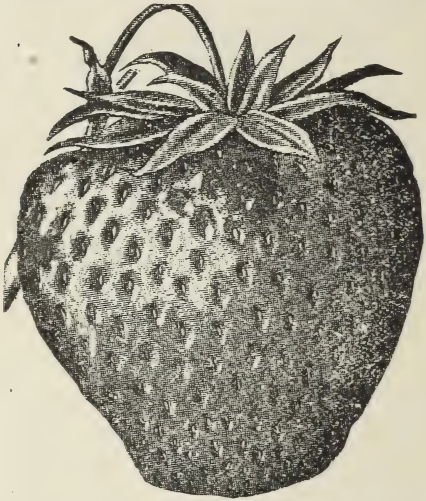
C. E. Biever.



AROMA. (Late). It is a fancy market berry in many sections. Vigorous grower of plants that are very productive of large size berries bright red color and of excellent quality. They have bright green caps making the berries very attractive in the market, always selling at highest prices.

Henderson Co., N. C., May 12, 1924.
Dear Sir:—
Received the strawberry plants all O. K. They are fine plants and all growing. Thanks for the extras and prompt shipment.
E. N. Youngblood.

Suffolk Co., L. I., N. Y., Feb., 28, 1924.
Dear Sir:—
I enclose my order for strawberry plants. I find your plants true to name and good strong plants.
Morris M. Hawkins.



PREMIER. Early) You cannot go wrong on choosing Premier for early as it does well in all sections of the country and on almost any kind of soil. They are a vigorous grower of large size plants, no variety has healthier foliage and it makes enough plants for a good fruiting bed. It bears a very large crop of bright red berries, large size, with bright green caps that stay green to the end of the season even in dry weather. For profit, plant Premier. I have a large and fine stock of Premier plants. Let me have your order for them.

Plymouth Co., Mass., May 19, 1924.
Dear Sir:—

The strawberry plants came all right. Good plants. I am well pleased with them.

Chas. O. Gammons.

PRICE LIST

BY EXPRESS OR PARCEL POST—RECEIVER TO PAY CHARGES

Variety	100	250	500	1000
Missionary	$ .75	$1.00	$1.50	$2.50
Sen. Dunlap	.75	1.00	1.75	3.50
Klondyke	.75	1.00	1.75	3.50
Parsons Beauty	.75	1.00	1.75	3.50
Gandy	.75	1.25	2.00	4.00
Aroma	.75	1.25	2.00	4.00
Sample (P)	.75	1.25	2.00	4.00
Campbells Early	.75	1.25	2.00	4.00
Premier	.75	1.25	2.00	4.00
Imp. Heflin	.75	1.25	2.00	4.00
Nick Ohmer	.75	1.25	2.00	4.00
Big Joe	1.00	1.50	2.50	5.00
Lupton	1.00	1.50	2.50	5.00
Progressive, F. B.	1.25	2.25	4.00	8.00

Note: 25 or 50 plants at 100 rate. If the correct amount is not sent I will send only the quantity of plants paid for.

Terms: Cash with Order. A discount of 5 per cent from price list allowed on orders of $10.00 or more. No discount allowed on orders of less than $10.00.

About Shipments: Express is generally satisfactory and the best way to ship plants if your order is large or if the distance is great. The best way to ship plants by mail is Parcel Post, C. O. D. for postage. If requested will ship your order the best way, in my judgement.

Be particular to say how plants are to be shipped, whether by express or parcels post. No charge for package and delivery to R.R.

Company. **Write your name and address plainly and give correct shipping instructions.** I can ship to southern customers during mild weather at any time after you receive this catalog, and I can usually ship to northern customers until the first of May. Do not order plants during the summer months. I do not grow potted plants. **Order Early.** Do not wait until you want the plants. All orders acknowledged as soon as received. **Terms:** Cash with the order. **Remit:** By Postoffice money order or **Berlin, Md.,** or Bank Draft, Check or Registered letter.

True to Name. While I exercise the greatest care to have every plant true to name, I will not be held responsible for any sum greater than the cost of the stock should any not prove as represented.

Claims, if any, must be made on receipt of the plants. I cannot become responsible for misfortune caused by insects, droughts, floods, etc., also for stock that is allowed to lie around your station or postoffice, or for neglect of purchaser to care for stock after it has been received. I send out only good stock in good condition and carefully packed.

Reference. Calvin B. Taylor Banking Co., Berlin, Md., Postmaster, Showell, Md., Wm. E. Thomas, Rural Carrier, Showell, Md. Be sure to enclose stamp for reply when writing my references.

A Certificate of Inspection from our State Entomologist and State Pathologist will be attached to each and every shipment of stock.

HOW I GROW STRAWBERRIES

I plow the land as early as weather conditions will permit after the first of March and mark out the rows 3½ feet apart with a potato planter which makes a list slightly above the level of the land; the plants are set out in rows about 12 to 15 inches apart. The important thing is to get your plants set with all the roots straight in the ground and soil packed firmly around the plant. I begin cultivation atonce and keep plants clean of weeds and grass until late fall when I usually have a fine stand of plants. Do not use any commercial fertilizer on them until a few weeks after they are set out; I then make 2 or 3 applications at different times when plants are not wet from rain or dew by broadcasting about 500 pounds per acre of raw bone meal or any other good brand that does not contain any potash as i tmight injure the plants. Of course, I always grow cow peas on the land previous to planting strawberries as strawberries need a soil full of humus. Barnyard manure will also furnish the humus for them where cow peas are not grown. Most all strawberries are grown by the matted row system, that is to leave about all the runners on the parent plant to take root and make a wide row, leaving enough room in the alley between the rows for the convenience of the pickers.

Note: If commercial fertilizers are used under the plants just before they are set out it will cause the plants to perish and die. If fertilizer is used it should be broadcast on the land and thoroughly worked in the soil before the rows are made. For topdressing the bearing beds in the spring before fruiting, a fertilizer containing 7 per cent Ammonia, 6 per cent Phosphoric Acid, 5 per cent Potash, I use with very satisfactory results at the rate of about 400 to 600 lbs. per acre. C. S. P.

Date of Order _____ 1925

C. S. PERDUE, Showell, Md.

Ship to (name) _____

Postoffice _____ R.F.D. _____

Express Office _____ State _____

County _____ Amt. enclosed $ _____

Ship by _____ On or about _____
Mail or Express

Quantity	Variety of Plants	Price	
	Lupton		
	Premier		
	Aroma		
	Big Joe		
	Missionary		
	Klondyke		
	Nick Ohmer		
	Gandy		
	Parsons' Beauty		
	Sample		
	Senator Dunlap		
	Progressive-Fallbearing		
	Campbells Early		
	Imp. Heflin		

SUBSTITUTION: If sold out of the variety ordered, shall I substitute or return money? Ans. _____

TESTIMONIALS

Wyoming Co., Pa., March 11, 1924.
Dear Sir:—
Please find enclosed order for strawberry plants. Your plants were very good and can recommend you to any one wanting berry plants.

F. H. Fassett & Son.

New Jersey, February 11, 1924.
Dear Sir:—
I bought strawberry plants of yau two years ago and they were excellent. Last year I bought of other firms but they were not as good as your plants.

Victor Corlson.

Lyconning Co., Pa., May 10, 1924.
Dear Sir:—
I wish to thank you for the fine plants, prompt service and very liberal count. The plants were the best we have ever received from any plant grower. Every plant grew.

Allen S. Apker.

Genesee Co., N. Y., June 9, 1924.
Dear Sir:—
The plants were the best that I have bought in years. I have been growing strawberries for 30 years and buy all the plants that I set. As to the packing, must say you are an artist at that part of the game. I never received plants packed so well as these were.

E. Jarvis.

Oneida Co., N. Y., May 8, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

Your plants arrived O. K. The finest plants I ever saw. I thank you for your prompt attention and wishing you prosperity in your business.

Geo. I. Sherwood.

New Castle Co., Del., May 1, 1924.

Dear Sir:—

Received your strawberry plants in the freshest and nicest condition, best I have ever had. Thanks for extras. I can recommend you to others.

Miss Laura Morris.

STRAWBERRIES A PROFITABLE CROP

Note clippings from one of our local papers of June 26, 1924. "Horace G. Rider has less than one acre of land near the Delaware line set in strawberries which will net him about $300.00."

"The strawberry crop promises to be one of the largest on record on the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Peninsula. It is estimated the crop will run well over 3500 car loads.

Showell, Maryland

CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION, NO. 44.

To Whom It May Concern:

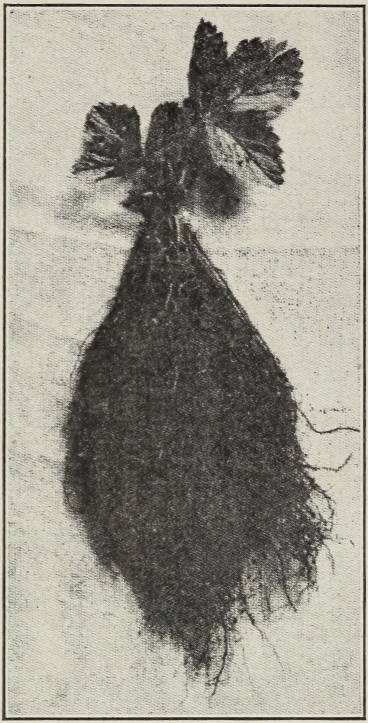
THIS TO CERTIFY, That on the 11th day of Aug., 1924, we examined the Nursery Stock of C. S. PERDUE, growing in his nurseries at Showell, County of Worcester, State of Maryland, in accordance with the law of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection from the San Joe Scale, Peach Yellows, Pear Blight, and other dangerously injurious pests and Plant diseases.

This Cerrificate is valid until September 1, 1925, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this State. unless such stock is previously covered by certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

Ernest N. Cory, State Entomologist.

C. E. Temple, State Pathologist.

College Park, Md., Aug. 26, 1924.



Showing the wonderful root system of "Perdue's Best Quality" Strawberry Plants.